

APPROVED

Human Services Advisory Committee Minutes of October 17, 2012 Meeting

Present: Ethel Mantzaris (YSB), chair; Ron Baker (Member At Large); Dexter Eddy (Housing Authority); Lorraine Kenowski (Member At Large); Bev Korba (Senior Center); Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM); Joan Terry (Comm. on Aging)

Absent: Sara Anderson (Advocates for Children)

Staff: Kevin Grunwald, Dept. Head

The minutes for the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Highlights – Kevin reported the following activity for the department.

Kathy Ann Easley is finishing up the work on the tax rebate program, beginning work on the holiday programs and filling in four hours per week at the Senior Center. Both Kathy Ann and Kevin are available at the Senior Center as needed.

The Youth Service Bureau has been received a grant by that will be used to fund the Cope Group.

A flu clinic at the Senior Center was sparsely attended. The staff is now working to coordinate a Veterans Day celebration for all vets in Mansfield to be held at the Community Center.

An ad for the Senior Social Worker position has produced few applicants. The need for a clinical social worker was discussed. One suggestions was the possibility of contracting for these services as needed.

The Foodshare program is progressing well. Volunteers served about 80 individuals at the second Thursday program.

A letter has been sent to prospective clients who may want to participate in the holiday programs for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Last year about 120 families were served by these programs.

Annual Report – The annual report, written by Kevin, was approved by consensus and will be submitted for publication.

Transportation – The Transportation Advisory Committee will meet on October 18th at 7:30 on Room B at the Municipal Building. We were encouraged to attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Terry

Next Meeting
November 28th, at 2:00 p.m.
This is a change in date due to
the Thanksgiving holiday.